

Further consolidation of media ownership would be a huge step backwards for democracy in America. Things are bad enough now as it is: The AOL/Time Warner/Fox News/Rupert Murdoch empire is already stifling what little dissent and alternative opinion is on offer. What ever happened to anti-trust laws? We need to BREAK UP these current media empires, not offer them an avenue for further control. Please, for the sake of democracy, for the sake of America, don't make things worse.

In addition, media studies should be taught in every school in America, starting at the elementary school level. Our children need the mental tools to analyze and criticize the barrage of media messages and images they are bombarded with daily. We allow children's advertising; teach them to take it apart and see through it.